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For: USE OF SOCS-2 OR CIS TO SCREEN FOR COMPOUNDS ENHANCING GROWTH HORMONE EFFECT	)	

SUPPLEMENTAL PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-captioned patent application, kindly enter the following supplemental amendment.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Kindly cancel claims 1-10.

Kindly add new claims 11-26.

11. (New) A method of screening for compounds which reduce cellular expression or binding of SOCS-2 and/or CIS and thereby enhance the effects of growth hormone, comprising the steps of:

applying said compounds to cells, and

measuring the levels or binding activity of SOCS-2 and/or CIS.